



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE  
COMMISSION**

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**Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-5019)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. (16-4377)

**President Renée Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill.**

Present: President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: Vice President Sara Vasquez

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2016. (16-4378)

**On motion of Secretary Shan Lee, seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of September 7, 2016 were approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General, Business License ID# 143399, to issue a new license to Manthana Adisa for Lee La Wadee Reflexology, located at 22837 Pacific Coast Highway #C, Malibu, CA 90265 in the Third District. (16-4379)

**Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application of Manthana Adisa for Lee La Wadee Reflexology and noted the applicant had obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of a new license.**

**Manthana Adisa, owner and masseuse, reported the business has been in operation for four years and offers Thai, Swedish and regular massages. She operates the facility alone and has masseuse on call if needed. Her establishment has five (5) rooms and three (3) rooms are without doors with curtains only. There is a fire extinguisher and the laundry service is offsite. The business operates seven (7) days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, seconded by Secretary Shan Lee, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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3. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General/SC, Business License ID# 142999, to issue a new license to Brian Fergusson for Top Thai Yoga Massage, located at 23120 Lyons Avenue #11, Newhall, CA 91321 in the Fifth District. (16-4380)

**Nicole Love, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application of Brian Fergusson for Top Thai Yoga Massage and noted the applicant had obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of a new license.**

**In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Fergusson noted the business has been in operation for eleven years. He offers Thai yoga (stretching), sports, Swedish, hot stone and deep tissue massages.**

The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and the 4th of July. There are seven (7) licensed employees, five (5) massage rooms with curtains in an 1100 sq. ft. area and the restroom and reception have doors. The laundry service is on-site using a commercial washer and dryer. Pictures of the business were submitted.

After discussion, on motion of President Renée Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, this item was approved with the following vote:

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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4. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor - General/SC, Business License ID# 143193, to issue a new license to Meihua Wang for M & Y Health Center, located at 25044 Peachland Avenue #108, Newhall, CA 91321 in the Fifth District. (16-4381)

Nicole Love, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application of Meihua Wang for M & Y Health Center and noted the applicant had obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of a new license.

Meihua Wang, owner and with the assistance of a Chinese translator, reported that the business has been open for two years with two licensed employees. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week and closed on holidays. There are four (4) rooms with doors and without locks, and each room has a massage bed. The masseurs conduct Chinese oil massages. The laundry service is completed on-site and the shower is not being used.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, seconded by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, this item was approved with the following vote:

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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5. Hearing on application for issuance of a new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust, located at 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 located out of State. (Continued from the meeting of June 29, 2016 and July 27, 2016.) (16-3246)

**Eric L. Bernthal, Esq., Chair of the Board for the Humane Society of the United States, clarified that the Humane Society (Society) main office is located in Washington, D.C. not in New York. He provided an overview of the Society and noted the Society is the largest animal advocate in the United States (U.S.) and most of the world. In addition, Mr. Bernthal stated the Society has also been successful in the establishment of felony animal cruelty laws throughout the U.S. and has halted the use of chimpanzees in experimental laboratories. In support of the well-being of chimpanzees, the Society recently purchased 180 acres in North Georgia to accommodate their rescue. He added, the “Pet for Life” program, is a program they maintain that provides a mobile veterinarian hospital with affordable pet care to communities that are less likely to have a veterinarian. The Society has been able to assist approximately 10-15% of pets in these low income areas get spayed or neutered.**

**In further review of the Humane Society Wildlife Trust Fund application, Mr. Bernthal reported that every dollar raised for the Trust is set aside to care for land/animal habitats. These are land conservation projects that provide a sanctuary for land and native wildlife by prohibiting hunting on the 100+ properties of various sizes located in the U.S. These non-income producing properties also have security surveillance equipment to prevent hunting.**

**Following discussion, the Commission noted the application submitted by the Society had omissions and Mr. Bernthal was requested to make the necessary financial adjustments and resubmit the application for review by the Commission prior to being heard on October 26, 2016. Mr. Bernthal assured the Commission all necessary documents would be submitted timely.**

**After further discussion, on motion of President Renée Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of October 26, 2016 by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee,  
Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner  
Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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6. Hearing on application for issuance of a new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Humane Society Legislative Fund, located at 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 located out of State. (Continued from the meetings of June 29, 2016 and July 27, 2016.) (16-3247)

**During discussion, the Commission noted the application submitted by the Humane Society Legislative Fund had omissions and needed additional information.**

**After further discussion, on motion of President Renée Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of October 26, 2016 by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee,  
Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner  
Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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7. Hearing on application for issuance of a new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Humane Society of the United States, located at 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 located out of State. (Continued from the meetings of June 29, 2016 and July 27, 2016.) (16-3248)

**After review of Item #5 and #6, the Commission found the application submitted by the Humane Society of the United States also had omissions and needed additional information.**

**Therefore, on motion of President Renée Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of October 26, 2016 by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee,  
Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner  
Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - Vice President Sara Vasquez

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8.    Hearing on application for issuance of a new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to The Fund for Animals, located at 200 West 57th Street, Suite 705, New York, NY 10019 located out of State.    (16-4899)

**In response to questions posed by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, Mr. Bernthal stated The Fund for Animals is a new entity that merged with the Humane Society of the United States. They provide their own direct care to animals living in sanctuaries. For example, the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch in Texas is a sanctuary that has wild and native animals, mostly horses.**

**Mr. Bernthal noted, although The Fund for Animals was separate from the Humane Society, it still fell under its umbrella. He assured the Commission, the documents needed for resubmittal of the application would be consistent with those to be submitted by the Humane Society Wildlife Trust Fund, the Humane Society Legislative Fund and the Humane Society of the United States.**

**Therefore, on motion of President Renée Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of October 26, 2016 by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**    4 -    President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee,  
   Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner  
   Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:**    1 -    Vice President Sara Vasquez

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### **III. REPORT**

9.    Staff Report - Receive and file below the previously approved Information Cards and Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications for September 2016.
- American Cancer Society, Inc.
  - American Lung Association in California (Los Angeles)
  - Boys Republic
  - CLARE Foundation
  - Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
  - Most Holy Church of God in Christ Jesus
  - Reach Out and Read, Inc.
  - Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

- The Hope Institute dba The Hope Institute for Children and Families
- United States Mission Corporation
- United Way - Special Event (5K Run/Walk)
- United Way - General Appeal (16-4950)

**Staf Emma De Jesus reported the previously approved Information Cards and Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications for September 2016.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was receive and filed.**

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 10. Commissioner's Comments. (16-4382)**

**Following discussion, the Commission cancelled the October 19, 2016 meeting.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

#### **Public Comment**

- 11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-4383)**

**Paul Kim, County Counsel, provided information to the Commission on the August 31, 2016 120-day Report Back Memo submitted by Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) to the Board of Supervisors (Board). On May 3, 2016 the Board directed TTC and other departments to begin implementation of a new business registration program which would include updates to the Business License Municipal Code, Title 7. The revisions would incorporate the minimum wage mandate. Mr. Kim noted, pending the Board's approval, TTC may have the program implemented in one year with an electronic system in place. There may also be a need to expand staff from 10 to 18 as TTC foresees an additional 8,000 licenses to regulate, as opposed to the current 1,700.**

#### **Adjournment**

- 12. Adjournment for the meeting of October 5, 2016. (16-4384)**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.**